

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Kindly amend claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently amended): A card game system, comprising:

a plurality of game apparatuses, each of which functions as either a master apparatus configured to control a game or a terminal apparatus configured to perform a processes in accordance with indications from the master apparatus, the plurality of game apparatuses being connected to each other so as to transmit and receive data to and from each other, wherein

when one of the plurality of game apparatuses is set as the master apparatus, the game apparatuses other than the game apparatus set as the master apparatus are set as the terminal apparatuses, and each of the plurality of game apparatuses reads game information recorded in a card within a specific time during the game, the game progresses based on the read game information,

the game apparatus set as the master apparatus has

a master reception device configured to receive the game information transmitted from each of the plurality of game apparatuses,

a start determination device configured to determine whether to start the specific time,

a permission device configured to reject to receive the game information at the master reception device until the start determination device determines to start the specific time, and configured to permit the reception when the start determination device determines to start the specific time,

an elapse time determination device configured to determine whether a time set as the specific time in advance elapses after the permission device permits the reception of the game information, and

a rejection device configured to reject the reception again when the elapse time determination device determines that the set time elapses, and

a device configured to execute game progress processes based on the game information received during the specific time from the game apparatuses including said configured device, and each of the plurality of game apparatuses has

a terminal transmission device configured to transmit the game information having been read to the master reception device.

Claim 2 (Previously presented): The card game system according to claim 1, wherein the rejection device rejects the reception of the game information further transmitted from the game apparatus that is a sender of the game information already received by the master reception device even before the elapse time determination device determines that the set time elapses.

Claim 3 (Previously presented): The card game system according to claim 1, wherein the number of the plurality of game apparatuses is two.

Claim 4 (Previously presented): A card used in the card game system according to claim 1, wherein the card has three or more sides, and the game information is printed on a same face along the respective sides.

Claim 5 (Currently amended): A master apparatus as a predetermined reception destination in a card game system in which when each of a plurality of game apparatuses, connected to each other so as to be able to transmit and receive data to and from each other, reads game information recorded in a card and transmits the game information to the predetermined reception destination within a specific time during a game, the game is controlled based on the game information received at the predetermined reception destination, the master apparatus comprising:

a reception device configured to receive the game information transmitted from each of the plurality of game apparatuses;

a start determination device configured to determine whether to start the specific time;

a permission device configured to reject reception of the game information at the master reception device until the start determination device determines to start the specific time, and configured to permit the reception of the game information when the start determination device determines to start the specific time;

an elapse time determination device configured to determine whether a time set as the specific time in advance elapses after the permission device permits the reception of the game information;

a device configured to execute game progress processes based on the game information received during the specific time from the game apparatuses including said configured device, and

a rejection device configured to reject the reception again when the elapse time determination device determines that the set time elapses.